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## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

### My Dear Associates:

After mature deliberation, it has been decided to have a **GENERAL CONVENTION** of the C. L. A. on December 27-29 in Chicago. This meeting will therefore supplant the Mid-winter Meeting of 1934. The reasons for this decision lie mainly in the urgent necessity to reconstruct the Constitution and By-laws of the C. L. A., as well as to make the final arrangements about the C. P. I. I view, and I am sure you do the same, the meeting to be of really paramount importance, and I trust that members will try to be present if it is in any way possible. Needless to say, I feel that the mature thought and suggestion of you as responsible members of the C. L. A. are in all affairs of the Association of tremendous help to those who endeavor to steer the course of the C. L. A. The unavoidable difficulties inherent in all young undertakings, especially if these be of Catholic character, are only soluble under conditions of full and corporate aid. For this reason, I urge very earnestly that we come together in as great a number as possible, not merely as a manifestation of moral support, but as a vital contribution toward real progress in the work of the Association, which progress I hope will ever be the direct result of wholehearted support and cooperation.

To all, whether they will be present or not, I would like to suggest a means of real help. The Constitution as printed in the **WORLD** for October will have to be reconstructed. You must certainly have some constructive suggestions to make, and if you would list these and send them to the Secretary or to me, you will be of very great service in this work in that it will be made representative of the desires and ideals of all the members and not of a mere few. The same holds also for suggestions regarding the C. P. I.

The details of the program regarding specific place and numbers will be duly printed in the **WORLD** for December.

With every best wish and blessing,

PETER J. ETZIG, C.S.S.R.  
President, C.L.A.

## SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTE HELD OCTOBER 12-13 BY DELAWARE UNIT OF C.L.A.

Motivated by the dynamic initiative of Mother M. Agatha, O.S.U., a large and enthusiastic conference of librarians and teachers was held at Ursuline Academy, Wilmington, Friday and Saturday, October 12 and 13. The purpose of the meetings was to encourage interest in library development in elementary and high schools. The importance of the library in the life of the school and in education in general was pointedly stressed by several speakers. More than sixty librarians and teachers were present in addition to representatives of City, State and private schools.

The program opened with Mass celebrated in the Ursuline Chapel by Rt. Rev. Edmond J. FitzMaurice, Bishop of Wilmington. In his address, "Teachers' Apostolate of Catholic Literature," His Lordship called the blessings of God on librarians and all those who select books, especially teachers to whom children go for advice. Books are companions no less than men and women and children should be taught to choose their books as carefully as friends of flesh and blood.

Those in attendance at the institute were cordially welcomed by Rev. Mother Angela, O.S.U., Superior of the Academy. Rev. Leo W. O'Neil, Diocesan Director of Schools, explained the purpose of the institute. The problem of the library is one of the most important in education, said Father O'Neil. To consider the position of the library in the school is our object. We may fit and equip the most modern schools, but we need the library to vitalize these schools and to make them active. The Bishop has given us a commission which as responsible citizens caring for our children we must discharge to the best of our ability. The purpose is not to make librarians out of each person present, but to make known the aim of the library, the correlation between education as tangent in the classroom and as tangent in the library. To explain the purpose for which we have come we may say that we have fulfilled the wish of our Pope, the Master Librarian.

Prefacing her address, "The Catholic Library Association," Mother Agatha fittingly dedicated the institute to Pope Pius XI, patron of librarians, expert bibliophile, who has modernized the Vatican Library. The speaker gave a detailed resume of librarianship as a profession, its demands and advantages. There are in the United States today, she continued, twenty-five

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### WHO'S NEXT?

There is food for thought in the detailed accounts of the meetings held at Wilmington and Brooklyn. In the first place, they are indicative of the growth of the library idea. Catholic librarians and teachers in the Wilmington Diocese now have a clearer concept of what Catholic library development actually means. The members of the C.L.A. present at Brooklyn have welded themselves into a unit of cooperative service which must necessarily result in more efficient library administration. Mother Agatha has sown seeds in fertile soil. We hope the harvest will be plentiful. Brother Thomas directed his energies to a more practical conclusion in the full consideration of several problems with which those present are concerned. Library-mindedness is the natural outcome of the Wilmington institute. Library efficiency in at least two features must inevitably follow from the Brooklyn get-together.

To what extent the meetings at Wilmington and Brooklyn will inspire the initiation of similar units in various sections of the country is a development which will bear watching. All that is needed is a leader in each section. We know many inspiring leaders scattered throughout the States. Who among these will take the initiative remains to be seen. Wilmington and Brooklyn have conclusively shown that sectional units are nothing but a practical utilization of membership in the C.L.A.

### ANNUALS

American Education Week and National Book Week are annually observed in November. Two effective stimulants! The one provides an opportunity for stressing Catholic education aided and abetted by an efficient Catholic library, and the other furnishes the librarian a chance to lay emphasis on the plethora of Catholic books available to the student and general reader. We hope Catholic librarians took full advantage of both annuals.

### VATICAN TO OPEN SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE

It is reported from the Vatican City that a school library administration open only to ecclesiastics and religious will shortly be inaugurated in the Vatican Library. Courses in cataloging, organization and library service will lead to a certificate of qualification.

### BROOKLYN-LONG ISLAND UNIT OF C. L. A. HOLDS ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING NOV. 3

At the second meeting of the Catholic Librarians of the diocese of Brooklyn, held in the Library of the Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Saturday, November 3, the subjects for discussion had been chosen to include consideration of the recent survey of magazine holdings and of Vertical File material and practice. In line with this intention, Brother A. Thomas, F.S.C., Librarian and host of the group, had procured from the H. W. Wilson Company a display of Vertical File Literature as well as a supply of pamphlets for distribution. The pamphlets on display covered a wide field and illustrated well the extent of the field. Many free pamphlets were shown, and many worthwhile pamphlets at small cost brought out the value of such treatments as are covered better in transient form than in the more permanent book form. A second exhibit loaned by Library Bureau was a complete unit of Variadex, as well as samples of the various folders and guides available in Library Bureau stock. Miss Voight of Library Bureau had included a number of attractive kits, with catalogues of Vertical File supplies and samples of folders which were for distribution to the Librarians attending the conference.

One of the very pleasing incidents of the conference, besides the new faces representing schools not heard from before, was the missionary work of Mrs. N. J. Cartmell, Supervisor of work with Children, in the Queen's Borough Public Library, who persuaded nine of the Librarians working under her direction to attendance at the conference.

Since one of the most valuable features of these meetings has been the acquaintance with, and examination of our various well-equipped libraries where these conferences are held, Brother Thomas distributed a mimeographed sheet which brought attention to some of the variations in Library practice in vogue in Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School Library. These may here be briefly summarized under four heads. First, the Library schedule. Since this school is organized under class plan, rather than under departmental heads, the library work with the classes is carried on under a regular schedule, which sees a class brought to and from the Library every period of the school week. The first part of this period is utilized by the Librarian for library instruction, book talks and activities. The remainder of the period is given over to browsing, recreational and reference reading and circulation work. Second, the circulation. The Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School Library employs the Detroit system of circulating books, with the addition of a borrower's card. Student assistants, acting as class librarians, carry out this side of the library program with a commendable percentage of efficiency. Third, magazine use. Though the periodical list of

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universities, colleges, teachers' colleges and normal schools where professional education in accredited library schools is carried on (not to mention those institutions giving library courses during the year or summer sessions). Among the accredited schools only one is being conducted under Catholic auspices—that of St. Catherine's, St. Paul. St. Catherine's ranks as a senior undergraduate school, having an enrollment of 18 students. In other words, only 18 Catholic young women out of 24,692 in 91 women's colleges are following accredited library courses in a Catholic atmosphere. Catholic education comes in for its share of responsibility in the training of recruits for librarianship. In round numbers there are 187 seminaries, 163 colleges for men and women, 77 normal schools together with academies, high schools, etc., making a total of 10,000 schools accommodating 2,538,572 students. Allowing one librarian for each institution we should be represented by 10,000 librarians. Can we in the face of such a momentous problem continue to be indifferent toward our duty of supplying our quota to the library profession? In spite of the number of Sisters who have in recent years been enrolled in general library schools, observed Mother Agatha, the field of service to Catholic schools and colleges is comparatively untouched. There is a tendency to underestimate the amount of instruction necessary. Some colleges are actually offering library courses (taking it for granted that library work is little more than an avocation) with scarcely any credentials for doing so. Such a policy is shortsighted and unfair because students following these courses take it for granted that library work is little more than an avocation.

It would be very helpful to know, stated Mother Agatha, just how many young men and women are available for pre-professional positions in our Catholic institutions. But there is no agency for discovering this information. Would it not be well to discuss the possibility of compiling a directory of Catholic librarians? I am speaking to a group of persons who are devoted to Catholic ideals. These are to be found in only one of the twenty-five accredited schools. Continued manifestations of prejudice and bigotry are far too obvious and numerous to be cataloged here. But on us devolves the duty to give Catholic truth its fullest opportunity to operate. To what degree are we librarians doing it? These annual conventions should mean the passing away of a negative and passive psychology on the part of Catholic librarians. The State is busy about the body of education, but we must animate that body by a Christian soul. A wider diffusion of our Catholic literature will do this. A body of trained librarians, a well-distributed and professionally administered library in every Catholic institution should be the goal of the Catholic Library Association.

Miss Marigold Hunt, of London, noted illustrator associated with Sheed & Ward, treated the audience to an interesting discourse on "The Catholic Publisher and His Public." Miss Hunt declared that a Catholic publisher either instructs and edifies Catholics only or expresses the Catholic mind to the world at large through the books he issues. Like the librarian he has a great responsibility. Everybody will take from him the best that he has and ask for more. For example, the works of Christopher Dawson are being used as textbooks at Princeton as in Fordham, and are becoming popular; so likewise the works of Maritain, philosopher, who thinks and makes other philosophers think. One great difficulty of the Catholic publisher is to give first-rate books to all, not merely high-brow. In a word, books above "mid-brow." In closing, the speaker announced the opening of a children's department and expressed the hope that this new venture will successfully serve the purpose for which it is intended.

It is no exaggeration to state that the Catholic Periodical Index made new friends at Wilmington. One of the most effective means of introducing the Index to those unacquainted with it is to fully explain the treatment of a pertinent subject, thereby disclosing the help which the C.P.I. offers. This was ably done at the institute by Mother Aloysius of the Ursuline faculty who pointed out the extensive assistance the Index furnishes to the Latin teacher. A scholarly presentation of this feature, such as Mother Aloysius effected, must have convinced the listeners that the C.P.I. is not just another reference tool, but an absolute necessity.

The final address of the morning session delivered by Very Rev. Michael J. McKeough, O. Praem., Headmaster of Archmere Academy, was devoted to a consideration of "The Place of Literature in the Curriculum." Dr. McKeough referred to the handicaps which confront the boy of today who sincerely aspires to read good literature. He is considered a high-brow, a "queer." Superficial stimulants such as radio, movies, athletics, etc., build up a deadening influence on intellectual progress. Mechanical education, such as the acquisition of so many credits, is a deterrent which offers no end of difficulty to a teacher's determination to guide a student through the enlightening channels of good literature. An interested teacher, equipped with the proper intellectual background, is the only hope to impart to distracted pupils a high appreciation of worthwhile literature.

Friday afternoon's program consisted of an explanation of Compton's Pictured Encyclopaedia, by Miss Hayes, Demonstration in Children's Literature, by Sister M. Clare of Ursuline Academy; Biography as a Help in Character Training, by Mother Margaret Mary, Principal of Ursuline Academy; The Boy and His Reading, by Mother Agatha and Dr. William A. Fitzgerald; Business Aspects of the Library Budget,

by Mother Agatha; *The Problem of Supervision of Children's Reading*, by Mrs. Margaret M. Ross, Supervisor of School Libraries, Wilmington.

Subjects discussed on Saturday morning were: *The Public Library and its Relation to the School*, by Mr. Arthur L. Bailey, Director of Wilmington Institute Free Library; *The Elementary School Library*, by Mrs. N. J. Cartmell, Chief of Children's Department, Queens Borough Public Library, Brooklyn; *The Library in the High School*, by Dr. William A. Fitzgerald, Brooklyn Prep; *Moral Aspects of Reading*, by Rev. John Sheehy, Chancellor of the Wilmington Diocese; and the closing talk by Rev. Leo W. O'Neil.

In connection with the conference there was an attractive exhibit of Delaware "firsts" and illustrative paintings by Delaware artists. So much interest was manifested in this display that it was held over for a week for the pupils. Among artists whose works were exhibited in original and reproduction form were Howard Pyle, Frank Schoonover, N. C. Wyeth, Katherine Pyle, Gayle Hoskins, Brandt Alexander, Clifford Ashley, F.O.C., Darley and Shaw.

The Wilmington institute was presided over by Mother Agatha who kept the audience keyed to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Generous time was allowed for discussions on many of the subjects considered, and all left satisfied that their stay at Ursuline Academy was profitable to the nth degree.

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#### BEAUTIFUL EXHIBIT CASE PRESENTED TO BOSTON COLLEGE LIBRARY

The latest addition to the equipment of the Boston College Library is a beautiful exhibit case twenty feet long, fifty-two inches high and 36 inches wide. The lower section is a hand-carved oak cabinet three feet in height containing compartments for housing folio volumes, some in vertical position and others on sliding shelves. The upper section, or roof, is a frame of wrought bronze in which is set plate glass one-quarter inch thick. The case, designed by architects Maginnis and Walsh, was formally presented to the library by Mr. William Murphy and his sister, Miss Agnes Murphy, on Friday evening, November 9, the first anniversary of the death of their brother, Thomas J. Murphy, in whose memory the gift was made.

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the library counts more than forty magazines, their use during class periods is confined to reference and study assignments. Recreational use may be made before and after class hours. The bulk of the daily use in this field is confined to the more serious side of the work. Fourth, Study Hall use of the Library. A liberal attitude is taken toward boys who wish to use the library after school for the preparation of their home assignments. This is possible through the size of the library. While other schools may have to

restrict the use of the library after school to those doing reference work, or for circulation, the reading room at Bishop Loughlin is able to take care of all who come, for whatever purpose they come.

After these preliminary remarks on the library where the conference was taking place, the real work of the meeting was begun. At the last meeting in Brooklyn Preparatory on Ascension Thursday, the proposal was made that a census of the magazines in Brooklyn libraries be made. Brother Thomas sent out questionnaires to the various libraries, and the replies from sixteen of these were incorporated in a report which was distributed for discussion at this meeting. Many things were incorporated in this report. The magazines listed in *Readers' Guide* were tabulated in a form to show those most frequently subscribed to. The result of this tabulation is a magazine check list that might be of use in schools that contemplate either changing their periodical lists or in making first purchases in this field. A second table listing many not indexed in *Readers' Guide* but subscribed to in many Brooklyn libraries called the attention of the group to some found most helpful in schools where they were used. Dr. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn Preparatory brought out the utility of *Debaters' Digest*; Brother Thomas of Bishop Loughlin Memorial spoke of *Natural History* and the *Science News Letter*, Sister Natalia of St. Angela Hall recommended *Players*, and Sister Abigail of St. Brendan's said that there is so much use of *Keramics* in her school that the file has never been allowed to rest quiet.

The main purpose of this check list, however, was to find where in the immediate vicinity files of the magazines listed in the *Catholic Periodical Index* might be found. Most of these magazines are subscribed to in Brooklyn. Mr. Gillard of St. John's University gave the biggest impetus to this work and the most encouragement when he announced that the large files of St. John's University would be kept and that students from any of the Brooklyn schools would be free at all times to come to the University library for reference consultation of these files. Inasmuch as the hours of the University library are more extensive than those in any other cooperating schools, this generous offer went far in realizing the purpose of the survey. Sister Louise of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High promised to keep files of all listed in her school library, while Sister Sperata of St. Saviour High and Dr. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn Preparatory made the list of holdings complete with their generous offers. There still remained twelve magazines indexed in the *C.P.I.*, but not on file in Brooklyn. Of these, Mr. Gillard promised a subscription and files of *G. K's Weekly* at St. John's University, Dr. Fitzgerald promised subscriptions to and files of the *Mid-American Historical Review* and the *London Tablet*; Brother Thomas pledged subscription to and files of *Studies*, and Mrs. Funk pledged St. John's Preparatory School



Library to the filing of *The Franciscan Educational Conference Bulletin*. Sister Louise of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High seconded Dr. FitzGerald's offer with a donation of past files of the *London Tablet* to the Library of Brooklyn Preparatory School. Brother Anthony of Oakdale offered files of many of these held in LaSalle Military Academy files at Oakdale to the Library of Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, where they will be more readily accessible to a greater number of students than they are at present.

The successful carrying out of this project is very gratifying. There remains only the project sponsored by Mr. Gillard who proposed a true Union List of Holdings in Brooklyn, Long Island, Library. Mrs. Cartmell furthered this proposal when she promised to investigate these holdings in the various branches of the Queens Borough and Brooklyn Public Libraries of magazines listed in the *C.P.I.*

At just this point, Mrs. Funk, with her customary zeal, proposed subscriptions to the *Catholic Periodical Index*. Explaining its purpose for those who probably did not know its function, or how dear it has been to the heart of the Catholic Library Association, Mrs. Funk declared that even the subscribing to two or three Catholic magazines justified the outlay for this index. Brother Thomas brought the attention of the group to the fact that with the present list and the proposed Union list, even the smallest school can get a world of use out of the *C.P.I.* Later in the meeting Mrs. Funk was seen going around distributing check lists. Many of the check lists sent by Mrs. Brusie for the meeting were taken up by the Librarians attending the conference. Through these, more guaranteed subscriptions are hoped for as well as a speedy appearance of the long-awaited four-year cumulation and a lavish use of its references when it does appear.

In the discussion of the Vertical File and the Vertical File service that followed, Sister Abigail, whose Library at St. Brendan's Diocesan High School is rather small, stated that she finds both these extremely helpful in her work there. Brother Thomas stressed the help the small library can get from these. Where space is limited, thousands of subjects can be adequately covered in the Vertical File, even though there is not much room for books. Sister Louise brought out the fact that there was not much attention paid to Catholic pamphlets in the V.F.S., though this may be from lack of cooperation on the part of Catholic agencies, or to lack of knowledge of the service. Mrs. Funk expressed the belief that Mr. Wilson would be only too glad to add these agencies to those already listed in the V.F.S. The cooperation of Mr. Rothe of the Vertical File Service in providing display material for the meeting seems to bear out this belief.

Before the meeting ended the date of the next meeting was decided on. Though January seemed a very good time, the Diocesan calendar warned those participating of the many activities connected with examinations that would make this inadvisable. Mrs. Funk

is to be host of the Brooklyn and Long Island members of the Catholic Library Association in her library at St. John's Preparatory School on the afternoon of Saturday, February 2, 1935. Mr. Gillard expressed the hope that the Librarians in attendance would inspect the University library as well. The choice of program and arrangements after some discussion was left to Mrs. Funk who is free to call on any of the members for their cooperation in making the next meeting a success. Some direction was given to this program by Sister Rose Muriel who suggested the topic of Catholic Book Selection.

After the formal discussion, Brother Thomas gave more personal explanations of his methods in Registration, Circulation and general library management.

Registration records reveal the following in attendance:

- Brother Alexander, F.S.C., St. Augustine Diocesan H. S., Brooklyn
- Brother Ambrose, F.S.C., Bishop Loughlin Memorial H. S., Brooklyn
- Brother Anthony, F.S.C., La Salle Military Academy, Oakdale, N. Y.
- Brother Oswald, C.F.X., St. Michael's Diocesan H. S., Brooklyn
- Brother A. Thomas, F.S.C., Bishop Loughlin Memorial H. S., Brooklyn
- Sister M. Anna Barbara, O.P., St. Agnes Academic School, College Point, L. I.
- Sister M. Callista, O.P., All Saints Commercial School, Brooklyn
- Sister M. John Dominic, O.P., All Saints Commercial School, Brooklyn
- Sister Mary Jordan, O.P., St. Bartholomew's High School, Elmhurst, L. I.
- Sister M. Teresa Gertrude, O.P., St. Thomas Aquinas Convent, Brooklyn
- Sister M. Thomas Aquin, O.P., St. Thomas Aquinas Convent, Brooklyn
- Sister M. St. Joseph, O.P., St. Agnes Academic School, College Point, L. I.
- Sister M. Abigail, S.S.J., St. Brendan's Diocesan High School, Brooklyn
- Sister M. Charitas, S.S.J., Queen of All Saints Diocesan H. S., Brooklyn
- Sister M. Natalena, S.S.J., St. Angela Hall Academy, Brooklyn
- Sister Mary Thecla, S.S.J., Queen of All Saints Diocesan H. S., Brooklyn
- Sister Rose Muriel, S.S.J., Academy of St. Joseph, Brentwood, N. Y.
- Sister Mary Concepta, S.M., Mercy Juniorate, Brooklyn
- Sister Mary Hilda, S.M., Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Syosset, N. Y.
- Sister Mary Louise, S.M., Bishop McDonnell Memorial H. S., Brooklyn

- Sister Mary Lucille, S.M., Bishop McDonnell Memorial H. S., Brooklyn  
 Sister Mary Sperata, S.S.N.D., St. Saviour High, Brooklyn  
 Sister M. Trinidad, S.S.N.D., St. Saviour High, Brooklyn  
 William A. FitzGerald, Ph.D., Brooklyn Preparatory School, Brooklyn  
 William A. Gillard, St. John's University, Brooklyn  
 Francis D. Stark, Jamaica, L. I.  
 John J. Sullivan, Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Brooklyn  
 Frank J. Weldon, Cathedral College, Brooklyn  
 Marjorie T. Caplis, Queen's Borough Public Library, Popenhusen branch, College Point, L. I.  
 Grace E. Cartmell, Queen's Borough Public Library, Jamaica, L. I.  
 Josephine M. Connors, Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, L. I.  
 Margaret L. Dawson, Queens Borough Public Library, Holy Child Jesus School branch, Richmond Hill, L. I.  
 Eleanor DiBenedetto, Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, L. I.  
 Dolores A. Dunigan, Queens Borough Public Library, P.S.99 branch, New Gardens, L. I.  
 Mrs. Beryl Funk, St. John's Preparatory School, Brooklyn  
 Ann C. Fox, Manhattan College, New York City  
 Regina A. Nealon, Queens Borough Public Library, St. Bartholomew's School branch, Elmhurst, L. I.  
 Catherine O'Neill, Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, L. I.  
 Marion Rybicki, St. Michael's Diocesan H.S., Brooklyn  
 Ethna Sheehan, Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica, L. I.  
 Winifred Woods, Holy Ghost School, New Hyde Park, N. Y.

## NEW BOOKS

### CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

#### Double Selection for November

Clifton, Violet. *Sanctity*. A Play about St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary (1207-1231). Demy 8vo. 112 pp. New York: Sheed. \$1.25.

The beautiful story of St. Elizabeth, with all its implications in the spiritual life, is here put into dramatic form by Violet Clifton, whose splendid gifts were disclosed last year in her biography of her husband, *The Book of Talbot*.

Baring, Maurice. *The Lonely Lady of Dulwich*. New York: Knopf. \$2.

A short novel turning about the character of Zita Harmer, this narrative is adroitly built up and is couched in the Hon. Mr. Baring's characteristically urbane style.

### PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

*The Catholic Missal*. Being a Translation of the Missale Romanum Arranged for Daily Use. By Rev. Charles J. Callan, O.P.,

and Rev. John A. McHugh, O.P., Masters of Sacred Theology. Introduction Explaining the Mass and the Missal. 6¼ x 4 in. 1248 pp. Illustrations. Calendars. Index. New York: Kenedy. \$3. More expensive bindings to \$7.

This liturgically correct edition of the Missal is molded to meet the requirements of Americans, having larger type, less bulk, fewer references, and many other editorial, typographical, and mechanical aids to convenient handling.

Démurger, Abbé. *God and His Infinite Perfections*. According to Holy Scripture, the Doctors of the Church, and the Saints. Translated from the French by Rev. James W. Kennedy. 12mo. 306 pp. New York: Benziger. \$2.75.

This treatise succinctly sets forth as a basis for the love of God the main conclusions of both philosophy and theology on the nature and attributes of God, all in a manner intelligible to layfolk as well as priests and religious.

Lamm, Rev. William R., S.M. *The Spiritual Legacy of Newman*. Milwaukee: Bruce. \$2.

A collection of excerpts from Cardinal Newman's sermons conveying a unique summary of his teaching on the spiritual life.

Lattey, Rev. Cuthbert, S.J., M.A. Oxon. *The Book of Malachy*. The Westminster Version of the Sacred Scriptures. A new Translation from the Greek and Hebrew Texts, with Introductions, Critical and Explanatory Notes, Appendices, and Maps. xxxvi and 21 pp. New York: Longmans. 90 cents.

The first book of the Old Testament to appear in the Westminster Version, this fascicle prepared by the general editor, Father Lattay, maintains the distinguished standards set in the books of the New Testament, now approaching completion, giving the sacred text in the language of today and profiting by the progress of Biblical research and archeology to correct defects in the Douay-Rheims Version.

McSorley, Rev. Joseph, C.S.P. *A Primer of Prayer*. 115 pp. New York: Longmans. \$1.25.

The eminent Paulist preacher and writer gives in a way that is fresh and lovely explanations and "samples" of the kinds of prayer, treating distractions, furnishing selections of prayers from the Bible and the works of the saints, and advocating the compilation of one's own "Private Prayer Book."

Ross, Rev. J. Elliott. *Five Minute Sermons*. Third Series. St. Louis: Herder. \$1.50.

Penetrating and pithy, these diminutive sermons are arresting, especially when they point to the obligations of the Christian to the modern world around him.

Ruland, Rev. Ludwig. *Pastoral Medicine*. Vol. I. Translated by Rev. T. A. Rattler, O.S.A., and edited by Arthur Preuss. 344 pp. St. Louis: B. Herder. \$3.

The first of a series of three, this book by a professor of the University of Würzburg is well suited to cover problems in our country, as the author, with originality and skill, harmonizes questions involving hygiene, disease, psychology, and theology.

### ART

O'Dwyer, Msgr. David T. *Our Lady in Art*. Introduction. 50 illustrations. Washington, D. C.: Salve Regina Press. The Catholic University. \$1.

Copies of Madonnas by the great masters with competent explanations. Pepler, H. D. C. *The Hand Press*. An Essay Written and Printed by Hand for the Society of Typographic Arts of Chicago. Illustrated. Index. Ditchling, Sussex: St. Dominic's Press. Pepler and Sewell. Bound boards, 15s. Library Edition on handmade paper. 30 s.

A limited edition has been produced of this book, which is a pleasant mixture of the reminiscences of the founder of St. Dominic's Press and his comment on his aims and methods, as well as a treatise on hand-printing; enriching it are reproductions of engravings by Eric Gill, Thomas Derrick, David Jones, and others.

Williamson, Rev. Benedict. *How to Build a Church*. 150 pp. 16 plates. 36 illustrations. St. Louis: Herder. \$3.25.

Based largely on St. Charles Borromeo's instruction to his clergy on church building, this book is full of practical helps for the church builder, and is in agreement with the idea that our age should be encouraged to develop an ecclesiastical style of architecture of its own.

### POETRY

Cronin, Miss Delight. *Forget-Me-Nots*. Huntington, Indiana: Our Sunday Visitor Press. \$1.50

A volume of cheerful verses, many of them devotional in character. Nally, Lillian Mary. *A Keepsake of Dreams*. Dublin: Brian O'Higgins.

A collection of simple but poetical and authentically Irish songs. Rauscher, Rev. John J., S.M. *The Mysteries of the Rosary*. New York: Benziger. \$1.75.

A tiny book of verses on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary and other religious themes.



## ESSAYS

**G. K.'s: A Miscellany of the first 500 Issues of G. K.'s Weekly.** With an Introduction by G. K. Chesterton. London: Rich & Cowan. 7s. 6d.

A rich and lively anthology of the arguments of the spokesmen of the Distributists' League of England in the form of essays, stories, poems, and cartoons, the contributors including Mr. Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc, Rev. Ronald Knox, Rev. Vincent McNabb, O.P., D. B. Wyndham-Lewis, Maurice Baring, Walter de la Mare, J. B. Morton, Eric Gill, and many others.

**Leslie, Shane.** *The Passing Chapter.* New York: Scribners.

**\$2.** A sequel to his autobiography as a young man, "The End of a Chapter," this book of Mr. Leslie's gives brilliant if sometimes superficial comment on the pageant of modern life.

## HISTORY

**Geary, Rev. Gerald J.** *The Secularization of the California Missions (1810-1846).* Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America.

An important dissertation tracing with precision the development of the political movement which caused the destruction of the religious and social work of the Padres in California.

**O'Neill, George, S.J.** *Golden Years on the Paraguay.* Cr. 8vo. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 5s.

A scholarly and enthusiastic record of the Reductions of Paraguay and their ruin after the expulsion of the Jesuits.

**Shepperson, Sister M. Fides.** *Seventeen Crises in World History.* Richmond, Virginia: Whittet and Shepperson. \$3.

Seventeen battles, from Marathon to Waterloo, are discussed against a background of general and cultural history in this volume, which can be used to great advantage by study clubs.

**Soderini, Eduardo.** *The Pontificate of Leo XIII.* Vol. 1. Translated by Barbara Barclay Carter. Demy 8vo. Alphabetical Index. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 7s. 6d.

The first of the proposed three volumes of the official history of this pontificate, for which Senator Soderini had the use of the secret archives of the Vatican, this absorbing narrative deals in great part with the work of social reconstruction for which Pope Leo has become famous.

**Walsh, Henry Horace, Ph.D.** *The Concordat of 1801: A Study of the Problem of Nationalism in the Relations of Church and State.* Studies in History, Economics, and Public Law, No. 387. 8vo. 259 pp. Index. New York: Columbia University Press. \$3.50.

A well-documented account of the events leading to the signing of the Concordat between Napoleon and the Holy See, showing clearly the Church's struggle against nationalism.

## BIOGRAPHY

**Baring, Maurice, Sarah Bernhardt.** 163 pp. Portrait. Appendix. Index. Appleton Biographies. New York: Appleton. \$1.50.

The artistic career of Mme. Bernhardt is the major consideration in this brief biography by her friend and admirer, the widely known Catholic dramatist, novelist, essayist, and critic.

**Elliott, Maud Howe.** *My Cousin, F. Marion Crawford.* 8vo. Illustrated. New York: Macmillan. \$2.50.

The daughter of Julia Ward Howe relates the life of her Catholic kinsman in a light and informing manner, giving intimate personal details, especially in connection with the composition of his novels.

**Gasquet, Francis Cardinal, O.S.B.** *The Last Abbot of Glastonbury and His Companions.* Cr. 8vo. 121 pp. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 3s. 6d.

A cheap edition of one of Cardinal Gasquet's characteristic studies in the history of the Reformation in England, this book gives, with power and restraint, the story of Blessed Richard Whiting and of Abbot Hugh Cook and Thomas Marshall, the last Abbot of Colchester.

**Hughes, Rev. H. L.** *Pier Giorgio Frassati.* Translated and Adapted from the Italian. Cr. 8vo. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 3s. 6d.

The short life-story of a young Italian university student who died in 1925; his manly energy in Catholic Action was such that the cause of his beatification may shortly be introduced.

**MacNeill, Prof. Eoin.** *St. Patrick.* Cr. 8vo. 108 pp. New York: Sheed. \$1.25.

A life of the Apostle of Ireland valuable as eschewing the later legends and being based on the two documents of the saint which survive, his Confession and his Epistle.

**Martin, Paul R.** *The First Cardinal of the West.* Preface by Most Rev. Bernard J. Sheil, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. 215 pp. Illustrated. Chicago: J. H. Meier. \$3.

This chronicle of the extraordinary achievements of Cardinal Mundelein is prepared from a series of articles originally appearing in the *New World of Chicago*.

**Matthews, Rev. V. J.,** Priest of the London Oratory. *St. Philip Neri, Apostle of Rome and Founder of the Congregation*

*of the Oratory,* x and 117 pp. Index. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 2s. 6d.

Enlivened by many a humorous and edifying anecdote is this brief version of the dramatic life of St. Philip, being based on the early biography of Cardinal Capecepolo and the later one of Abbé Ponnelle and Bordet.

**Peacey, Edith.** *Saint Brigitta of Sweden.* London: Washbourne & Bogan. 12s. 6d.

With a background of the court and religious life of Sweden in the fourteenth century, the Brigittine nun, who is the author of this carefully written and complete biography, gives the history of her patroness from the full days of her life as a princess to the close of her career as foundress of her order and highly favored mystic.

**Undset, Madame Sigrid.** *Saga of Saints.* Translated by D. C. Ramsden. 265 pp. 8 illustrations. New York: Longmans. \$2.50.

The distinguished Catholic novelist, who was the winner in 1928 of the Nobel Prize for Literature, writes herein with enthusiasm and artistry of the saints of her country, from the Vikings, Olav Trygvesson, Hallvard, Olav Haraldsson, Magnus, and Queen Sunniva, to Father Karl Schilling, the Barnabite priest who died in 1907, to whose intercession Norwegian Catholics now look for the revival of Catholicism in their land.

## FICTION

**Galvez, Manuel.** *Holy Wednesday.* Translated from the Spanish by Warre B. Wells. Being the Authorized Translation of *Miércoles Santo*, first published in Buenos Aires in 1930. New York: Appleton. \$2.

Catholic in theme, but distasteful in some details, is this story of Father Eudocio Solanas and the penitents who come to confess to him on the eve of one Holy Thursday when he is in the midst of a poignant personal tragedy.

**Knox, Rev. Ronald A.** *Settled Out of Court.* New York: Dutton. \$2.

The learned chaplain of the Catholic students of Oxford presents another of his genuinely puzzling mystery stories.

**Mackenzie, Compton.** *The Darkening Green.* Garden City: Doubleday, Doran. \$2.

Quieter in tone than his recent satirical novels, this story of Mr. Mackenzie's, in part biographical, is thoroughly enjoyable by reason of some unique features of structure as well as of his persistent cleverness.

**Waugh, Evelyn.** *A Handful of Dust.* New York: Farrar and Rinehart. \$2.50.

A highly entertaining story with setting in London and later in a Brazilian jungle is this work of a young English satirist recently converted to the Faith.

## FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

**Benson, Msgr. Robert Hugh.** *A Child's Rule of Life.* Illustrated by Gabriel Pippet. New York: Longmans. 45 cents.

A cheaper but excellently prepared edition of a book reprinted many times because of its popularity as giving the life and devotions of a Catholic child in easily remembered rhymes, accompanied with illustrations which amuse as well as help the memory.

**Lamplighter.** *Children of the Lantern.* Preface by Archbishop Alban Goodier, S.J. Illustrations by "Robin." xi and 187 pp. Appendix of Summaries and Notes for Teachers and Parents. London: Burns, Oates & Washbourne. 3s. 6d.

The author shows her mastery of child-psychology in this original book for children from four to twelve, in which a connected story, delightful drawings, delicate verse, and many disguised teaching devices conspire to give the child religious knowledge as religion rather than as knowledge.

**Monteith, Augusta.** *The Pink Book of Verse.* For Very Little Children. Illustrations by "Robin" and "Mai." Type especially designed by Eric Gill. Cr. 4to. 256 pp. Preface. Index. List of Authors. New York: Sheed. \$1.50.

A really happy book chiefly for those under six, this contains the most complete collection in existence of nursery rhymes, to which are added numerous children's poems up to very modern copyrighted ones by Walter de la Mare, Father W. Roche, and Eleanor Farjeon, all full of sound, rhyme, rhythm, and action.

*Spirit*, the bi-monthly magazine of verse, published by the Catholic Poetry Society of America, continues to maintain its high standard of excellence. The fifth number just issued contains almost two-score pieces of verse which are not without literary merit. Brother Leo's "Letter to a Young Poet" measures up to this littérateur's fascinating manner of expressing his poignant thoughts.

## COMMUNICATIONS

MR. EDITOR:

We are very happy to receive through the good offices of some friend, the monthly numbers of the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD, which we keep on file with our other library periodicals, the current number always being in our reading rack with *Library Journal*, *Wilson Bulletin*, *Library World*, etc. . . . I am sending this letter of appreciation for the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD, for we want you to know how much we appreciate it. Copies have been coming to us since Volume 4, but I find in looking over our serial check-list that we lack Numbers 1 and 2 of Volume 4, the issues for September and October. In order that our file may be complete, will you be so good as to send us these numbers; also Number 1 of Volume 5, or the September issue for 1933. As we leave our issues about freely for our students to use we found in getting them ready for binding that these numbers were missing and we shall be very glad if they can be supplied.

With congratulations on your excellent publication and many thanks for it, believe me,

Very cordially yours,  
H. E. M.  
Principal.

*The above letter came to us from one of the large library schools of the West. Two years ago we initiated the practice of sending a copy of our monthly to all library schools in the U. S. and Canada. It is encouraging to learn from time to time (as we regularly do) that the WORLD is accorded some little recognition.*

*Fortunately we were able to supply missing numbers which were requested. To know that certain issues were perhaps taken from the rack is not unpleasant news to an editor, for he can console himself with the supposition that these particular numbers had some intrinsic value which prompted temporary (?) borrowing.—Ed.*

MR. EDITOR:

For some time you have been kind enough to keep our library on your free mailing list for the CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD, and we are desirous of continuing to receive this magazine. We are also writing to ask if it would be possible to supply us with any of the issues lacking in our set.

California.

I. M.

*From an outstanding library school on the coast comes another request for back numbers. We were unable to supply the following issues: Volume 1, Nos. 7 to 10 (May to Aug., 1930); Volume 3, Nos. 2 and 7 (Oct., 1931, and Mar., 1932). Perhaps some of our readers have extra copies of one or more of these*

*issues. If so, please communicate with the editor, in order that this large library school may have a complete set of our unpretentious monthly which another correspondent recently referred to as "an extremely interesting and helpful publication. It gets steadily better in every way."—Ed.*

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The N.C.W.C. has just issued a handy and helpful folder of its publications grouped under subject. Write for it!

The first number of the *Survey of Current Catholic Literature* makes an impressive appearance. Published by the Spiritual Book Associates, the *Survey* offers succinct reviews of books and periodicals as well as information of interest to the general reader of Catholic literature.

Miss Gertrude McDougall, B.L.S., St. Catherine's, formerly head cataloger at St. Mary's, has taken the position at Notre Dame University left vacant by Miss Lawrence who has enrolled at the University of Michigan Library School.

The installation of additional stacks at Notre Dame has been completed. The new addition provides a capacity of 110,000 volumes on the first deck. Included is a locked section for Index and other prohibited books accommodating about 4500 volumes.

The project started last year at Notre Dame of indexing the *London Tablet* and *American Catholic Quarterly Review* is satisfactorily going on. This year *Ave Maria* has been added. When these titles are finished old Catholic papers will be given consideration.

Sister M. Canisius, S.C.N., St. Helena Memorial College, Louisville, attended the Southeastern and Southwestern Regional Convention of Librarians held at Memphis.

Msgr. H. Hyvernath of Catholic University is anxious to obtain Numbers 1 and 2 of the first volume of the *WORLD*. If any member can help Dr. Hyvernath, it will be greatly appreciated.

A general problem today is the youth of the land. Leisure time activities cause no end of concern. Various forms of the "youth movement" are designed to curb a tendency which is not altogether healthy. There is much food for thought in Bruce's latest addition to the Science and Culture Series, *Training the Adolescent*, by Rev. Raphael C. McCarthy, S.J. The professor of psychology at St. Louis University writes from experience and treats his vital subject against the background of Catholic philosophy.